

learning disabilities and birth defects, and all of the fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are completely preventable if a woman consumes no alcohol during the 9 months of pregnancy.

By adopting this resolution we honor Bonnie and Brian and Teresa and all of the grassroots volunteers who have worked so hard in their communities around the globe to educate women about the dangers of alcohol during pregnancy and we recognize the States, counties and cities that have answered the call and organized local observances around International Fetal alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day.

A message is simple—alcohol and pregnancy don't mix. No alcohol during the 9 months of pregnancy, period. The world is listening.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 390) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 390

Whereas the term "fetal alcohol spectrum disorders" has replaced fetal alcohol syndrome as the umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy;

Whereas fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are the leading cause of mental retardation in western civilization, including the United States, and are 100 percent preventable;

Whereas fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are a major cause of numerous social disorders including learning disabilities, school failure, juvenile delinquency, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness, and crime;

Whereas the incidence rate of fetal alcohol syndrome is estimated at 1 out of 500 live births and of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders is estimated at 1 out of every 100 live births;

Whereas the economic cost of fetal alcohol syndrome alone to the Nation was \$5,400,000,000 in 2003 and that each individual with fetal alcohol syndrome will cost United States taxpayers between an estimated \$1,500,000 and \$3,000,000 in his or her lifetime;

Whereas in February 1999, a small group of parents of children who suffer from fetal alcohol spectrum disorders came together with the hope that in 1 magic moment the world

could be made aware of the devastating consequences of alcohol consumption during pregnancy;

Whereas the first International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day was observed on September 9, 1999;

Whereas Bonnie Buxton of Toronto, Canada, the co-founder of the first International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day, stated the purpose of the observance as: "What if . . . a world full of FAS/E parents all got together on the ninth hour of the ninth day of the ninth month of the year and asked the world to remember that during the 9 months of pregnancy a woman should not consume alcohol . . . would the rest of the world listen?"; and

Whereas on the ninth day of the ninth month of each year since 1999, communities around the world have observed International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 9, 2004, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to—

(A) observe "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day" with appropriate ceremonies to—

(i) promote awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol;

(ii) increase compassion for individuals affected by prenatal exposure to alcohol;

(iii) minimize further effects; and

(iv) ensure healthier communities across the United States; and

(B) observe a moment of reflection on the ninth hour of September 9, 2004, to remember that during the 9 months of pregnancy a woman should not consume alcohol.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2004, PART III

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of H.R. 4635, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4635) to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4635) was read the third time and passed.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, the House passed an African Growth and Opportunity Act extension by voice vote last week. This is an important bill for the continued economic development of sub-Saharan Africa.

To date, AGOA, as it is known—the African Growth and Opportunity Act—has created 150,000 jobs, some believe even many more than that.

We cleared that House bill on our side of the aisle last week. We are waiting for some other clearances from the other side of the aisle.

Initially, we were going to ask UC this evening to call up the bill and pass the House bill today. I think we are making tremendous progress. We have had discussions on the floor on both sides of the aisle today, and therefore I will withhold making that unanimous consent request. I am very hopeful, based on progress, that with some further discussions we will be able to clear this bill tomorrow.

Our intention is to clear the bill or, if not, to formally ask unanimous consent to pass the bill before we adjourn for the July 4 recess, given the importance of this bill.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, if the majority leader will yield.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I will just confirm the conversations that the majority leader alluded to. I think we have made real progress, certainly, on both sides of the aisle. There are a couple of other consultations required, but it would be my hope that before the end of the week we would be able to complete our work on the AGOA bill.

This is an important piece of legislation. It has demonstrated its job-building capacity in Africa in particular. We are very hopeful that we can continue that success in the years ahead by reauthorizing this important legislation. So we will have more to say about this tomorrow.